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FROM : Language Training and Programs Division

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the Week 7 August - 13 August 1953

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1. The SAIS Conference began this past Monday with 168 Agency participants. Forty-six students included in this figure are also participating in the full-time program on "The Impact of Soviet Imperialism on the Free World." Early reports indicate that the program is stimulating and profitable. presently is taking a consensus of opinions of the speakers and discussion leaders from the point of view of their potential usefulness in either internal or external training courses in the future.

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- visited the FSI to discuss language training materials available in the Department of State. Sample materials for Chinese instruction were made available which can be used for instruction in Chinese reading. A course in Chinese reading is projected and will begin in February.
- 3. Two Staff members have arranged to visit the Navy Language School to investigate language training opportunities which may be made available for personnel of the Agency.
- 4. A combined total of 107 students is presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Branch. Sixteen of these people are in classes and 91 are in self-study courses.
- 5. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of 385 hours, 129 hours of which were outside the normal working day.

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